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SUBJ: ICAO: SECRETARY GENERAL'S MEMO RE FINANCING SOUND-PROOFING
WALLS BETWEEN NATIONAL DELEGATIONS (SG 873/76)

1. THE REP OF GERMANY IS DISCUSSING WITH SOME COUNCIL
REPS THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING ICAO PAY FOR INSULATION AND SOUND-
PROOFING OF WALLS BETWEEN DELEGATIONS.
2. PARA 2 OF SYG'S MEMO INDICATES THAT THOSE DELEGATIONS THAT
TOOK CARE OF THIS MATTER BEFORE MOVING IN WOULD BE RE-IMBURSED
50 PERCENT OF THE ORIGINAL COST (AS FAR AS I KNOW THE USMISSION
WAS THE ONLY ONE WITH SUCH FORESIGHT, THANKS TO COMPETENT ADVISE
FROM REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICER.)
3. APPARENTLY THE FINANCING OF THESE MODIFICATIONS HAS BECOME A
VERY STICKY PROBLEM BECAUSE OF THE SHARED WALLS FACTOR. FOR
EXAMPLE, GERMANY HAS COMMON WALLS WITH LEBANON ON ONE SIDE AND
COSTA RICA ON THE OTHER. COSTA RICA HAS SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT
WHY THEY SHOULD HAVE TO PAY THE SAME AMOUNT AS GERMANY AND LEBANON
IS UNABLE TO PAY ANY AMOUNT. THE DEVELOPING NATIONS WHOSE
DELEGATIONS ARE ALREADY BUDGETED TO BREAKING POINT FINANCIALLY
BECAUSE OF UNFORESEEN BILLS FROM ICAO SIMPLY CANNOT FINANCE THE
SOUND-PROOFING AND BAFFLING (WHICH APPARENTLY WOULD COST
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APPROXIMATELY \$500). IN OTHER WORDS THERE IS "AN ABILITY TO PAY"

FACTOR THAT IS CRUCIAL.

4. USREP WISHES TO POINT OUT THAT IT MIGHT BE ADVISABLE
AND TO EVERYONE'S BENEFIT TO GO ALONG WITH ICAO
FINANCING EVEN THOUGH WE WOULD BE PAYING 25 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL
COST (BASED ON CONTRIBUTION LEVEL) INSTEAD OF THE APPROXIMATELY
\$550 WE OWE FOR OUR OWN WALLS LESS 50 PERCENT WHICH WOULD BE
REIMBURSED IF EACH DELEGATION PAYS ITS OWN.
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